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Meeting Minutes - Approved TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: 10 - Will Ochowicz; Sean O'Brien; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems and Cailey A. Jamison

Excused: 3 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; William F. Bremer and Lynn A. Olson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Barros moved to approve the minutes of the August 13 meeting, seconded by Ochowicz. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [89665](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the August 27, 2025 Meeting

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

2. [89682](#) Proposal for Test Removal of Peak-Hour Travel Lanes on Williamson Street

Assistant Director of Traffic Engineering Tom Mohr provided verbal reports and, along with Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao and Director of Transportation Christof Spieler, was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Oppose, wish to speak; Jeffrey Waldman, Jenifer St Support, does not wish to speak; Nicholas Davies, Richard St; Jacob Moskowitz, Holly Ave; Laura Lob, E Wilson St

Jess moved that we move forward with the Williamson St. study to remove peak-hour travel lanes, using \$24,000 from Safe Streets Madison to fund the study, and that staff would bring results and analysis back to TC for further discussion and decisions, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice

vote/other.

3. [89666](#) Safe Streets for All Project Update: Asphalt Art Demonstration
- Safe Streets Program Coordinator Jessica Hersh-Ballering with Traffic Engineering and AASPIRE Vision Zero Intern Ben Diminstein with Traffic Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Yang Tao, were available for questions.
- Registratns as follows: Support, does not wish to speak; Nicholas Davies, Richard St
4. [89667](#) Approve the TC Meeting Schedule for 2026
- Tao and Kovich provided verbal reports and were available for questions.
- Kliems moved to approve the 2026 Transportation Commission meeting schedule as presented, seconded by McCahill. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
5. [52830](#) Members of the Transportation Commission who are also members of other transportation-related Boards, Committees or Commissions provide relevant updates from those Boards, Committees or Commissions.
- Webber shared JCAC updates:
- Received an update that a project is starting 9/2 which may affect people who commute along the lakeshore path in madison. They will be starting work near the limnology building. There may be some detours/conflicts/changes in how you access past the limnology building when biking/walking through there.
- McCahill shared PC updates:
- Approved ordinance changes to protect street trees. Thought a lot about Complete Green Streets during that, doesn't think it affects the overall decision of whether or not to keep a tree, but it does offer more protection for trees that are being kept (such as fines for contractors that damage trees, more protected area around the base, etc).
6. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)
- Kovich provided a verbal update about the recent press release regarding the appointment of Jamie Acton as the next General Manager for Metro Transit. Her first day at Metro Transit will be October 13.
7. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information only; not for discussion)
- Kovich provided verbal updates on some of the upcoming items. Please see the attachment in Legistar for other upcoming future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by Webber. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.